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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM FORMER SECRETARY ROGERS TO FOREIGN MINISTER NAFFA

- 1. SECRETARY ROGERS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM FONMIN NAFFA ON AUGUST 31:
- "ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR RELINQUISHING THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE HIGH REGARD OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT OF YOU PERSONALLY, AND ITS APPRECIATION OF THE CORDIAL ATTITUDE YOU HAVE TAKEN TOWARD LEBANON ON MANY OCCASIONS, AS WELL AS OF THE UNDERSTANDING WE HAVE ALWAYS FOUND ON YOUR PART IN THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES LEBANON HAS BEEN THROUGH DURING RECENT YEARS."
- 2. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING FROM FORMER SECRETARY ROGERS TO FOREIGN MINISTER NAFFA.

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DEAR MR. MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WISHES EXPRESSED IN YOUR TELEGRAM OF AUGUST 31. MY VISIT

TO LEBANON IN 1971 AND MY MEETINGS WITH LEBANESE LEADERS WERE AMONG THE MOST ENJOYABLE AND MEMORABLE I HAD WHILE IN OFFICE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS TRADITIONALLY CHARACTERIZED OUR

TWO COUNTRIES' RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE AND WILL GROW IN STRENGTH IN THE YEARS AHEAD. SINCERELY, WILLIAM P. ROGERS."

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF ADDRESSEE WISHES TO DO SO. RUSH

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